

SIEC Meeting Minutes

APCO Conference, Mulvane, Kansas

4-16-2018, 1pm

Call to Order - Bob McLemore opened the meeting at 13:00.

Attendance – SIEC members - Bob McLemore, Jim Oehm, Jonathon York, Ellen Werneke, Mark Dodd, Michelle Abbot, John Stradal, Darren Miller. On conference line – Kerry McCue. This meeting was held at the APCO conference and many attendees were in the audience for the meeting.

Approval of Minutes – 3-16-2018 conference call - John Stradal moved the minutes be accepted as printed, Jim Oehm seconded. With no further discussion and no dissenting votes, Chairperson McLemore declared the motion passed and the minutes approved as written.

DHS/OEC Report on communications and ICS structure – Jim Lundsted gave a brief PowerPoint report on the future of communications unit structure under ICS. The proposal is for the communications unit to be moved out from under the Logistics section and made into a separate section at the command and general staff level. This would require creation of a Communications Section Leader and would also better address IT functions within communications. This is an ongoing process and has support from many emergency service partners. The final proposal will be presented to FEMA in July with courses created and delivered for the new positions possibly in the next 2 to 3 years.

COMMEX update – Jason Bryant gave an update on the recent COMMEX hosted at the Heartland Readiness Center in Wichita on April 5, 2018. Three COML and three COMT trainees were evaluated for Position Task Book completion. A discussion on credentialing at various levels and training was held with questions from attendees. Jason pointed out that for the local level, there is no required training or credentialing. For IMT deployments, individuals must meet Kansas IMT requirements. At the State level and for deployment to EMAC situations, individuals must meet the federal credentialing requirements through DHS/OEC.

FIRSTNET update – Lisa Dickson from FIRSTNET gave a report on the progress of the FIRSTNET project via the conference call line.

AT&T update – Jason Bryant had hoped for someone with AT&T to be present. Jason did report that the infrastructure plans were moving along and also asked for current users to give their thoughts on the switch. Jim Oehm from Kansas Highway Patrol reported he was aware of no major problems with the switch but also was not aware of any additional benefits. Users on FIRSTNET were receiving the same level of service as they were before. The control interface appears to be similar with the previous Premier software used and was easy to access and manage. Mark Dodd with the State Gaming Commission expressed his appreciation that the process for tower adjacencies for the Tribal entities was moving forward. The switch for the agency was not moving as smoothly and he reported timelines were not as accurate as promised. He had expected some difficulties as one of the first state agencies to switch to the FIRSTNET service. Discussion on the governance structure was held with many of the attendees. Some confusion on what the SIEC and FIRSTNET were responsible for in providing guidance for user levels and the elevation process. Further discussion will be held at the next meeting.

Report from the Cyber-Security Working Group - Jim Oehm reported discussions are ongoing and no solutions have been identified at this point.

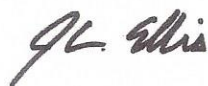
Update on Kansas House Bill 2556 – A copy of the Supplemental Note on House Bill No. 2556 was included. Discussion on training requirements and equipment purchases for local entities was held. The bill has no requirements for training and does not restrict local purchasing of equipment.

SCIP Update workshop April 30 and May 1 – A workshop for updating the Kansas SCIP will be held at the Eisenhower Training Center in Topeka, Ks on April 30 from 10am to 5pm and the next day, May 1 from 8am to completion. Jason will resend out the information to clear up any confusion.

Next Meeting date and location – Dates for the next meeting of the SIEC were discussed to include the first or second week of June. An email query will be sent to identify the best date for everyone. The location will be announced.

Adjourn - No other business to discuss, Jonathon York moved to adjourn with John Stradal seconding. Committee adjourned at 14:51.

Respectfully submitted,

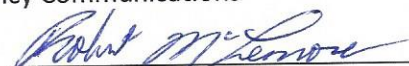


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